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**FROM THE HONORABLE SPEAKER ROBINSON.**

WMS.BURGH Novr. 3. 1757

DEAR SIR/

I received your favour by Brinker, and am Sensibly affected with the Miserable Situation of the unhappy People in your part of the Country, and am greatly concerned at the uneasiness I know you suffer on their Acct. in not having it [in] your Power to prevent their Miseries, or put a Stop to the cruel and inhuman Murders comitted upon them, I, and every Body else, must agree with you that the acting offensively is the only method of doing it, and of the Impossibility of guarding against the Wolfish cuning of the Savages by keeping the Men in Forts and Garrisons; I had occasion to wait on the Govr. soon after I recd your Letter, when I asked his Honor if he had not recd a Letter from You, he told me he had, and asked the Same Question of me to which I answered in the Affirmative, and informed him of the Contents, his answer was that he was always of Opinion that an attempt ought to have [been] made last Summer to take Fort Du Quesne, and annoy the Enemy in their Settlements, and that he had pressed Lord Loudoun two or three times on the Subject, but his Lordship told him that he had received a Plan of Operations from home and that he would not deviate from it; The Govr. at the same time told me that he should send a Commission to Rutherford to raise a Company of Rangers to consist of Eighty men, which he hoped would be of some use in preventing the Savages from coming so far down to destroy the Inhabitants, for my part, I confess I expect no great Matters from them, I was

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this Morning told that the Govr. should say part of the Royal American Regiment was upon their march to our Frontiers, but he mentioned nothing of it to me, his Honor is at this time almost wholly taken up with settleing his Affairs for his departure, as he expects a Man of War every day to carry him, We have not yet heard who is to succeed him, God send it may be some Body better acquainted with the unhappy Business we have in hand, and by his Conduct and counsel dispel the heavy cloud at present hanging over this distressed and unhappy Country, till which happy Event, I beg my dear Friend, you will bear, so far as a Man of Honor ought, the discouragement and Sights you have too often met with and continue to serve your Country, as I am thoroughly convinced you have always hitherto done, in the best manner you can with the small assistance that is afforded You I sincerely wish You all happiness and especially that you may [be] speedily eased from that Anxiety which a generous Spirit must labour under from not having it in his Power to relieve the distresses of his unhappy Country more—I am

Dr. Sir Your Most Affte. Friend and Servant JOHN ROBINSON